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In re Application of:

: Examiner: J.C. Wang

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AMENDMENT
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to Sunday, September 7, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110.00 in payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee and credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account 06-1205.

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In response to that Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows: amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing beginning on page 3; and the Remarks begin on page 41.